Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life-long relationships, and discover their roots; and,

Whereas, The backbone of our nation is the strength and unifying permanence of the family unit; and,

Whereas, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

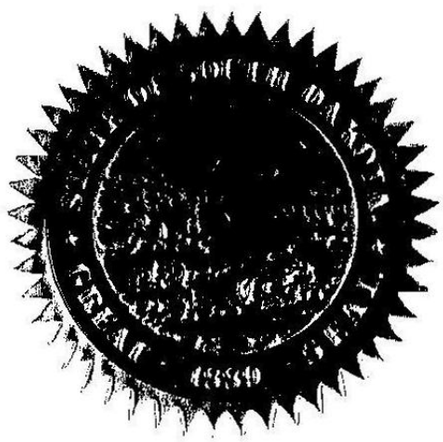
Whereas, The Charles and Julia Burtz family lived along the White River in Tripp County, South Dakota, for 100 years, maintaining strong family values and a deep, abiding faith in God that lead to the founding of churches and Sunday Schools throughout the county, and,

Whereas, The descendants of Charles and Julia Burtz wish to recognize the rich legacy left by their pioneer ancestors by gathering in the Greenwood Township on July 3-5, 2009:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 3-5, 2009, as

BURTZ FAMILY REUNION DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State